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DD/S Staff Meeting, 13 December, Mr. Bannerman presiding.

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1. [REDACTED] presented a briefing on planning for the move into the new printing services building. This is being carefully coordinated with GSA. The move will be accomplished during a 26-day period, mostly over weekends. It will entail relatively little slow-down in production, except for photo services. Cost of the move is estimated at \$283,000 (including purchase of some new equipment and renovation of old). No date was given for the accomplishment of this move.

2. The Program Call for FY 69-73 was announced - should be in today's mail. Mr. Bannerman stated that all that was to be done at the moment was to designate someone to read the directive, follow this matter, and to attend a meeting in the DD/S Conference Room at 10 a.m., Thursday, 14 December.

3. Mr. Bannerman commented briefly, and with some sadness, on the question of meeting deadlines (reference to a 14 Sept memo). He stated that everyone was doing "reasonably well", but that many were just beating the deadline by an hour or two - thus giving little or no time for serious review. He stated that his office will now set precise deadlines for "most things asked to be done". If these can't be met he is to be notified. He summed up this point by commenting that "there is an awful lot of slippage".

4. Security violations - five. Trend is upward. Watch this. No specific office mentioned.

5. Considerable time was spent on the question of new FY 67 ceilings - to be decided in the next day or two. Mr. Bannerman stated that "OTR is hurt the worst - by far, and is going to have trouble". I asked him if this meant a further cut below the [REDACTED] already indicated,

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and he clearly answered in the affirmative - painting a rather gloomy prospect. However - at the conclusion of the meeting [REDACTED] took me aside and assured me that Mr. Bannerman was unduly pessimistic - that the [REDACTED] had been sent in and would hold. I was not in a position to judge whether Mr. Bannerman knew something which [REDACTED] did not, but there certainly was a clear difference of opinion. In addition, Mr. Bannerman indicated that he had "some ideas" as to how OTR could solve its problem which he would discuss shortly with OTR.

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6. The greatest portion of time was spent in an exposition by Mr. Bannerman of the "almost unacceptable situation" developing for the Agency in Vietnam. He stated that most of his time was being spent on this problem since in his judgment, the integrity of the whole Agency support system was at stake here. He felt that if some cut-off point in the erosion of Agency control of its own effort were not soon reached a real nightmare would emerge. He stated that [REDACTED]

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The White House has asked for an additional 20 names (to go to Vietnam to support [REDACTED]) from each Agency involved. The DDP will supply most - the DDS the remainder. It is not known when these people will be used. We will be contacted if any OTR person is involved.

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Mr. Bannerman also stated that the Agency has been recommending a "task force" approach to the [REDACTED] as a potential solution. (He did not elaborate on just what he meant by this.) In addition, the Agency is proposing that a Washington-based "special agency" for control of the [REDACTED] be established rather than having all the decisions on "revolutionary development" made in Saigon.

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Mr. Bannerman also requested that none of these comments in paragraph 6 be passed at staff meetings.

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